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Dear Ms. Best:

This letter responds to your November 22, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of Inspector General (OIG). You requested a list of OIG investigations closed or completed during calendar year 2013.

We are releasing nine pages of responsive records.

You have the right to appeal this response by writing to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Whitten Building, Suite 441-E, Washington, D.C. 20250-2308. Appeals must be postmarked or transmitted by email no later than 90 calendar days from the date of the adverse determination. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA APPEAL."

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010).* This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You have the right to seek the assistance of the OIG FOIA Public Liaison. You can also seek dispute resolution services from the OIG FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS).

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, OGIS was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS' services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974.

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You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
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{OGIS} 8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
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Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>

For information about OIG, please refer to our Web site at [www.oig.usda.gov](http://www.oig.usda.gov). Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (202) 720-5677.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Documents

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